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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: CLERIDES FEARS FURTHER TURK MILITARY ACTION

FOLLOWING IN CONFIRMATION TELECON.

1. CLERIDES TELEPHONED ME EVENING JULY 23 ASKED THAT I INFORM WASHINGTON THAT HE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE TURKISH ARMY HAS MOVED HEAVY ARMOR TOWARD BOTH KARAVAS AND BELLAPAI ON KURENIA SIDE AS WELL AS TOWARD YEROLAKOS OUTSIDE NICOSIA. HE SAID THIS MAY SHOW EVIDENCE OF PLANNED DAWN OFFENSIVE.

2. HE AND HIS GOVERNMENT EARNESTLY DESIRE CEASE FIRE AND NEGOTIATIONS. EARLIER THIS AFTERNOON HE HAD MET WITH DENKTASH IN THE PRESENCE OF UN OFFICERS AND HAD AGREED TO MEET AGAIN TOMORROW TO WORK OUT FIRM CEASEFIRE STANDSTILL AGREEMENT. DENKTASH AGREEMENT THIS MOST IMPORTANT BUT THAT THE ENTIRE MATTER LIES WITH TURKISH MILITARY COMMAND. HE TOLD CLERIDES HE WOULD HAVE REPLY AS TO FURTHER MEETING BETWEEN 1900 AND 2000 HOURS BUT HAD NOT CONTACTED CLERIDES AT TIME OF HIS CALL TO ME, AROUND 21:20.

3. CLERIDES SAID THAT IF TURKS MOVE, CYPRIOTS WILL RESIST WITH ALL THEIR RESOURCES. THEY DO NOT WANT TO BE ACCUSED OF BREAKING CEASE FIRE, BUT IF TURKS SEEK TO EXPAND HOLDINGS BY VIOLATING CEASE FIRE CYPRIOTS WILL HAVE NO ALTERNATIVE.

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